

A list of commonly used words and abbreviations that you might hear when looking into support for your child with special educational needs and disabilities

ADD Attention Deficit Disorder

DHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ASD Autistic Spectrum Disorder

CAMHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service

C&I Communication and Interaction

C&L Cognition and Learning

CLD Complex Learning Difficulties

DLA Disability Living Allowance

EAL English as an Additional Language

EHCP Education, Health and Care Plan

EPS Educational Psychology Service

EYFS Early Years Foundation Stage

HI Hearing Impairment

HLTA Higher Level Teaching Assistant

MLD Moderate Learning Difficulties

ODD Oppositional Defiant Disorder

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OT Occupational Therapy

PD Physical Difficulty

PEP Personal Education Plan

PMLD Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulty

SALT Speech and Language Therapist

SEMH Social, Emotional and Mental Health

SENCO Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

SEND Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

SENDIASS Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice

SLCN Speech, Language and Communication Needs

SLD Severe Learning Difficulties

SpLD Specific Learning Difficulty

TA Teaching Assistant